

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 15-20 are pending herein. Independent claim 21, and claims 11-14 depending therefrom, have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Examiner Paik is thanked for courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned representative during a telephonic interview on February 7, 2007, and for indicating in the Office Action that claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 15-20 are allowed. In view of the cancellation of claims 11-14 and 21, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the remaining claims pending herein are allowed, and respectfully requests that the PTO issue a Notice of Allowance for this application in due course.

The §102(e) rejection of claim 21 over Fure, the §103(a) rejection of claims 11, 13 and 14 over Fure in view of Mizuno and the §103(a) rejection of claim 12 over Fure in view of Yoshida are noted, but deemed moot in view of the cancellation of those claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the above rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

If Examiner Paik believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call Applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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